

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** SHOWA CORPORATION )  
**Serial Number:** 10/802219 ) Examiner: Charles  
**Filed:** 3/17/2004 )  
**For:** AUTO TENSIONER ) Art Unit: 3682  
**Docket Number:** 13776 )

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION**

Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

29 March 2007

Sir:

This communication is responsive to your Office Action dated 29 December 2006 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on 29 March 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed on 29 March 2007.

Please amend the application as follows:

**In the Drawings:**

Please amend the Drawings with the attached new drawing sheet Fig. 7.

**In the Specification:**

Please amend the Specification as shown in the section entitled Specification Amendment.